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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LOWE ET AL.

Examiner

Tien Dinh

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Sibley et al 4162776.

Sibley et al 4162776 discloses system having a mounting structure within a body. The system has a mounting structure 20, platform 34 where a camera/sensor 90 is mounted, linear guide 32 (see figure 5), and mechanism 64 for moving the platform. As for the mechanism that is electrically, hydraulically, magnetically, pneumatically, linear motion screw, or clutch and brake driven, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to have used any mechanism that is needed to drive the platform. The applicant has not disclosed the criticality of different mechanisms.

Claims 15-17, 19-29, and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Mackenzie.

Mackenzie discloses system having a mounting structure within a body. The system has a mounting structure 20, platform 18 where a camera/sensor 12 is mounted, linear guide (see figure 2), door 13, and mechanism 30 for moving the platform. As for the mechanism that is electrically, magnetically, linear motion screw, or clutch and brake driven, it would have been

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obvious to one skilled in the art to have used any mechanism that is needed to drive the platform.

The applicant has not disclosed the criticality of different mechanisms.

Claims 18 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackenzie in view of Sibley et al.

Mackenzie discloses all claimed parts except for the camera. However, Sibley et al teaches that cameras used in an aircraft is well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to have used cameras in the sensor system of Mackenzie as taught by Sibley et al to retrieve more data.

Response to Arguments

The Examiner has reviewed the arguments by the applicant but maintains that Sibley et al teaches what has been claimed. Please see the rejection above. Furthermore, Sibley et al teaches a linear guide that is engaged by the platform and comprising of a linear structure 32 that is disposed in parallel to the linear movement path of the platform to stabilize and direct the linear movement of the platform. As applicant can clearly see from figures 4 and 5, the platform is moved in and out with the help of a linear guide. Figure 8c shows the mechanism in which the linear guide uses to move in a linear manner. Also, the Examiner has used Mackenzie to reject the amended claims.

Conclusion

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

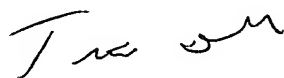
Rempt, Tatnall, Johnson et al, and Hilbert disclose sensor means.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tien Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-6899. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 571-272-7045. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tien Dinh".